

11 October 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Support

Bob:

On 3 October [redacted] came to talk
with me about his replacement as Chief of the Mobilization and
Military Personnel Division when he retires. (I assume that he
made this appointment with the full knowledge and permission of
[redacted])

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The gist of our conversation was that
[redacted] recommended that [redacted] be designated
as his replacement. As you know, this proposition has been put
to me several times before. I think that [redacted] is a
very capable individual and is unquestionably able to perform
these duties in a most creditable manner. However, I continue
to feel that our relation with the military services will be better
if we have an active duty officer in charge of our Military Per-
sonnel Division. Although General Johnson, the Army Chief of
Staff, and General James Woolnough are both long-time personal
friends of mine, in all candidness I believe they do not understand
and are not too sympathetic with the Agency. In any case, I have
reservations about appointing a CIA civilian employee to fill this
position, the primary function of which is to manage the affairs
of military personnel on detail to the Agency and to ensure to the
extent possible that their military careers are advanced rather
than hindered. I conveyed this to [redacted]

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As he was leaving my office, he said that,
in anticipation of his retirement, he wondered if I would have any
objection to his working with the Agency on a contract basis after
he has retired. I told him that I certainly would have no objection

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provided there was a bona fide need for his services. I do not know of any such requirement, and I believe it would be inappropriate to use him in the Military Personnel Division.

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